

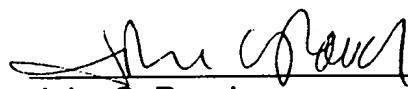
REMARKS

By this paper, a typographical error in the inserted first paragraph of the Preliminary Amendment filed with the present patent application is corrected. This application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/322,677, filed May 28, 1999. The typographical error in the Preliminary Amendment is reflected in the Serial No. for the priority application. It was inadvertently typed as 08/322,677 when it should have been typed as 09/322,677. This error was inadvertent and entry of this Preliminary Amendment is requested to correct the serial number of the priority application.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

With this Preliminary Amendment, the application is in condition for early action on the merits. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be helpful in advanced the prosecution of this application, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the specification:

The paragraph beginning at page 1, prior to the first line of the application, has been amended as follows:

-- CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of application serial number 09/322,677, filed May 28, 1999, now U.S. Patent number 6,269,361, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. --